



There's A Difference Between Crying for Help And Grumbling

3rd Sunday of Lent – Ex.3:1-15 & Lk.13:1-9 and 1Cor.10:1-12 – March 20, 2022

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Pastor

Moses is going about his business. God has been listening to the “cries of the people” in slavery. The angel brings their pleas to Moses. God wants to free the people. He is choosing Moses to be sent.

Jesus calls people to repent. He tells a story that has meaning. Three years with nothing to show for a person’s work. He wants to cut it down. But the gardener begs to have another year. Give him another chance.

What’s the message? What does the first reading and the Gospel have in common? First, God calls for change. Second, we can’t keep doing business as usual when so many are suffering. Third, God uses Moses and the gardener.

Today a lot of people are suffering due to the pandemic, due to natural disasters, due to violence. Christ wants to respond to the cries of the people. We can’t just keep doing what we used to do. Christ wants to send His chosen to set others free.

Paul makes his point. We are not to be like the followers of Moses, who took God for granted. We are not to be grumbling, complaining about the way things are and keep on doing what we have been doing. We need to be sent believing we are needed to act.

To pray for God to answer our needs is good. We know we are encouraged to ask and we shall receive. But we do know we are called to do our part to be part of the solution. Moses to the Jews, the gardener to the crops, now it’s our turn to get involved.

Did we hear what Paul said? We can’t take what we have for granted. We can’t keep on with business as usual. Too many people think life is about them. They have a right to what they want while others are suffering and losing hope.

Those of us who know Christ, who have been baptized and confirmed, who are given the Risen Christ as our food and drink, Jesus expects us to produce for others. He expects us to respond with hope when we hear discouragement. He expects us to share our faith when others doubt. He expects us to love when others fear. Will we?

Catholic Relief Service

Next week SPCCC will take up the Catholic Relief Service Collection. Funds from this collection provide food for the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ’s Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Envelopes are in the rear of the church.

Lenten/Holy Week Worship Schedule

This holy season provides us a special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus as we reflect on how He suffered and died for us, only to bring eternal hope through His glorious resurrection. Following is a summary of our worship schedule. Details on specific services will be provided when available.

- Every Friday (3/4 - 4/8) Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday (4/14) Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/15) Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday (4/16) Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday (4/17) Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Current Totals of Funds Raised

The current States Tea is \$4,177.

Lent is a time of reconciliation, as we prepare ourselves to receive the graces of Jesus’ resurrection. We will have a Reconciliation Service as part of our Mass on March 27. Rev. Anthony Kote-Witah, OFM Cap will concelebrate with Fr. John and assist with confessions.

Fr. Anthony has celebrated with our community on a few previous occasions.

Our Mission Statement

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

Loyola High School

Loyola junior Alexander Mayers was the first place speaker and won the varsity championship at a Detroit Urban Debate League Tournament in February! Alex and Christian Burkes also placed 3rd in the state competition earning them a bid for World Schools competition at Nationals this June! **Congratulations to these young men!**

We are actively seeking singers to join the choir. You may reach out to Music Minister Christopher Kendall at: cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org if interested.

March 25–27: Detroit Catholic Young Adults Lenten Retreat

Life is busy. Maybe you're stressed, anxious, tired, distracted, or stuck. Or perhaps life is going well but you desire a deeper connection with God. Jesus wants to give you His peace and direction. He has graces waiting for you. Take the time this Lent to turn off the noise and to rest with Him on the Detroit Catholic Young Adults Lenten Retreat.

Save the Date

On **Sunday, April 3**, we will have a **Town Hall Meeting** after Mass to provide updates on the future of our parish, as we prepare to join our Family of Parishes on July 1. We request that all members of the parish participate in this important meeting.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Diana Wicker, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Andre Fox, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

MINISTERS SCHEDULE March 27, 2022

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R., and
Rev. Anthony Kote-Witah OFM Cap
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Patricia Woods

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Evangelization Team via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 pm	SPCCC Pastoral Council via Zoom
Friday	12:00 pm	SPCCC Ministry Commission -Zoom
	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross / Mass in Church
Saturday	2:00pm	Knights of Peter Claver
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass and Reconciliation Service
		In church and via Zoom

**Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org**

SPCCC Lenten 2022 Opportunity for Almsgiving:

Fill a *BABY BOTTLE* \$\$\$ (loose change...)
to support COTS at Peggy's Place
(16630 Wyoming St, Detroit, MI 48221)
Please return filled *BABY BOTTLE(s)* \$\$\$
Palm Sunday

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Thank you to those who donate.

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Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church
(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)

Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home.

Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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